THE ALL-INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2001

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): Sir, on behalf of my colleague, Dr. C.P. Thakur, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences Act, 1956.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

RE: QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

SHRI JIBON ROY (West Bengal): Sir, I move a motion of privilege against Shri Arun Shourie, the Minister of Disinvestment on the charge of violating the honour and the dignity of the Members of Parliament, and of the House too. The motion is based on a news-item which appeared on the 3rd of December, 2001 in the Business Standard. If the hon. Minister denies the authenticity of the news-item, then the motion will be directed against the Business Standard, New Delhi.

According to the news-item, the hon. Minister has visited the * Economic Summit of CH on the 2nd of December and addressed the session. As such, I should not have any grudge against the Minister for addressing the session, but the news-item suggests that he has used the platform of CH to insinuate against the Members of Parliament, especially those Members of Parliament who opposed the privatisation. According to the news-item, he has said as if we, the Members, oppose the privatisation on the brief of the corporate houses. The news-item says:

> "Corporate rivalry plays a bigger role than inter-ministerial squabbles in hindering disinvestments."